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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: SAN FRANCISCO

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1. DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES USLO TO APPROACH MFA ON SUBJECT OF EXTENSION OF DATES OF ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION TO ALLOW FOR SAN FRANCISCO SHOWING. YOU SHOULD INFORM CHINESE THAT DEPARTMENT GRATIFIED THAT PRC NOW GIVING "POSITIVE CONSIDERATION" TO MATTER (REFTEL) SINCE THIS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGER SEGMENT OF AMERICAN PUBLIC TO VIEW THIS SIGNIFICANT COLLECTION.

2. IF MFA INDICATES FIRM INTENTION TO ALLOW EXTENSION, YOU MAY INFORM MFA THAT DEPARTMENT FORESEES NO BASIC CHANGES IN AGREEMENT AND THAT NECESSARY AMENDMENTS CONCERNING DATES AND LOCATION CAN BE AFFECTED BY AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. BY

SEPTTEL DEPARTMENT SENDING COPY OF DRAFT LETTER INCORPORATING THESE AMENDMENTS AND YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION PROVIDE CHINESE WITH COPY EXPLAINING THAT THIS IS FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT THAT WE ENVISAGE. YOU MAY ALSO TELL THEM THAT WE ARE AGREEABLE TO INITIATING THE

CORRESPONDENCE OR REPLYING, WHICHEVER THEY PREFER.

3. AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MUSEUMS, WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE AND THESE DATES SHOULD BE PROVIDED MFA:

A) EXHIBITION WOULD CLOSE IN KANSAS CITY ON JUNE 15, PROVIDING AN EXTRA WEEK FOR THE NELSON GALLERY OVER THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON PERIOD. FYI: IN VIEW OF THE EXPENSE AND EFFORT IN PREPARING FOR THE SHOW, KANSAS CITY FEELS THAT ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED SEVEN WEEKS TOO SHORT TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM EXPOSURE IN MID-WEST REGION AND WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL WEEK. DEPARTMENT AGREES AND REQUESTS THAT USLO PRESS THIS CASE WITH MFA. END FYI. IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH CHINESE, USLO CAN ARGUE THAT OUR EXPERIENCE UP TO NOW AT NATIONAL GALLERY, PLUS INDICATIONS OF HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN MID-WEST, JUSTIFY LONGER SHOWING FOR KANSAS CITY.

B) FOLLOWING KANSAS CITY CLOSURE AND PACKING, EXHIBITS WOULD MOVE TO SAN FRANCISCO AROUND JUNE 25. ALLOWING 20 DAYS FOR UNPACKING AND INSTALLATION, SHOW WOULD OPEN ON WEST COAST ABOUT JULY 15.

C) AS FOR DURATION OF SHOW ON WEST COAST, SF MUSEUM DIRECTOR HAS SAID THAT THREE MONTHS WOULD BE DESIRABLE PERIOD WHICH WOULD HAVE EXHIBITION CLOSE AROUND OCTOBER 13. IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO CHINESE THAT POTENTIAL WEST COAST AUDIENCE AS LARGE AS EAST COAST AND WITH TRADITIONAL HIGH INTEREST IN THINGS CHINESE ON WEST COAST, SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BE GRANTED SIMILAR TIME PERIOD TO THAT ALLOTTED WASHINGTON, WHERE SHOW WILL APPEAR FOR OVER THREE AND ONE HALF MONTHS. SINCE SCHOOLS ON WEST COAST RESUME SESSIONS IN MID-SEPTEMBER, SF MUSEUM ANXIOUS THAT EXHIBITION BE OPENED FOR SOME TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THEN TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPLOITATION OF SHOW.

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4. YOU SHOULD INFORM CHINESE THAT US SIDE WILL MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT TO RETURN EXHIBITS TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN PEKING APPROXIMATELY 13 DAYS AFTER EXHIBITION CLOSES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

5. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM MFA THAT UPON CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION, US SIDE WILL ISSUE PUBLIC

STATEMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE CHINESE
SIDE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE.

6. IN SEPTEL, DEPARTMENT PROVIDING USLO WITH TEXT OF
NOTE APPROPRIATELY AMENDING OUR NOTE OF UNDERSTANDING
NO. 137 SO AS TO CONFORM WITH THE HOLDING OF THE EXHIBI-
TION ADDITIONALLY IN SAN FRANCISCO. A DRAFT OF THIS

NOTE SHOULD BE PROVIDED MFA AND CHINESE SHOULD BE INFORMED
THAT WE WILL BE HANDING THEM SUCH A NOTE AT TIME OF
CONCLUSION OF ARRANGEMENTS. INGERSOLL

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